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Invention:

METHOD OF INHIBITING BONE RESORPTION BY INHIBITING OSTEOCLAST **FORMATION**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application by entering the enclosed substitute specification in place of that which was previously filed. A redlined copy of the specification is also attached incorporating the changes.